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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>*29 January 2004*</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-38* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-38* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>*29 January 2004*</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   Claims 1- 38 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3.   Claims 1-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bradee U.S.

Pub. No. 20020095571 (hereinafter Bradee).

4.   As per claim 1, Bradee discloses a computer-implemented method for enabling users to

access a computer system, comprising: selecting a universal local user account of a computer

system dependent upon user account selection information of a user (Bradee: [0009]: surrogate

ID), wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system

(Bradee: [0009]); and mapping the user to the universal local user account (Bradee: [0054]:

associate surrogate ID to users).

5.   As per claim 2, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses wherein

said user account selection information includes at least one of directory services group

membership information and access privilege information (Bradee: [0032]: security providers

stores user information and associated permission).

6.   As per claim 3, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses wherein

said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account

access level to a corresponding group membership of the user (Bradee: [0047]).

7.   As per claim 4, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses wherein

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and each

one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated

therewith (Bradee: [0054]).

8.   As per claim 5, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses creating

said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting, wherein each

one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated

therewith (Bradee: [0055]).

9.   As per claim 6, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses

determining a non-local status of the user with respect to the computer system (Bradee: [0040]);

and authorizing access to the computer system in response to performing said determining

(Bradee: [0042]); wherein said determining and said authorizing are both performed prior to said

selecting (Bradee: [0042]); and wherein said mapping enables the user to access the computer

system in accordance with an access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user

account (Bradee: [0042]: associate with surrogate ID).

10.   As per claim 7, Bradee discloses the method of claim 6. Bradee further discloses wherein said authorizing access includes verifying that the user has an active account on a shared directory service manager (Bradee: [0041]: authentication takes place prior to associating surrogate ID).

11.   As per claim 8, Bradee discloses the method of claim 1. Bradee further discloses wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system (Bradee: [0054]: surrogate ID represents all users with same privilege).

12.   As per claim 9, Bradee discloses a computer-implemented method for enabling users to access a computer system, comprising: determining a non-local status of a user with respect to a computer system (Bradee: [0040]); and associating the user with a universal local user account after said determining, wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system (Bradee: [0042]: associate with surrogate ID).

13.   As per claim 10, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses determining group membership affiliations of the user; wherein said associating is performed dependent upon said group membership affiliations of the user (Bradee: [0042]: determining the permission associated with the user).

14.   As per claim 11, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses

wherein said associating includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a

corresponding access level of a group membership of the user (Bradd: [0047]).

15.   As per claim 12, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses

wherein the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts

(Bradee: [0054]: surrogate ID represents all users with same privilege); and each one of said

universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith (Bradee:

[0054]).

16.   As per claim 13, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses

creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting, wherein

each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level

associated therewith (Bradee: [0055]).

17.   As per claim 14, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses

wherein said associating includes: selecting the universal local user account dependent upon user

account selection information of the user (Bradee: [0009]: surrogate ID); and mapping the user to

the universal local user account (Bradee: [0054]: associate surrogate ID to users).

18.   As per claim 15, Bradee discloses the method of claim 14. Bradee further discloses

wherein said user account selection information includes at least one of directory services group

membership information and access privilege information (Bradee: [0047]).

19.   As per claim 16, Bradee discloses the method of claim 14. Bradee further discloses

wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user

account access level to an access level of a group membership of the user (Bradee: [0047]).

20.   As per claim 17, Bradee discloses the method of claim 14. Bradee further discloses

wherein said mapping enables the user to access the computer system in accordance with an

access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user account (Bradee: [0042]-[0043]).

21.   As per claim 18, Bradee discloses the method of claim 17. Bradee further discloses

verifying that the user has an active account on a shared directory service manager prior to

performing said mapping (Bradee: [0032]).

22.   As per claim 19, Bradee discloses the method of claim 9. Bradee further discloses

wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for

enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system (Bradee: [0032]

and [0054]: surrogate ID represents all users with same privilege).

23.   As per claim 20-38. Claims 20-38 encompass the same scope as claims 1-19. Therefore,

claims 20-38 are rejected based on the same reason set forth above in rejecting claims 1-19.

Conclusion

24.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure.

Khan et al. U.S. Pat. No. 7152108 discloses method data transfer system with secure

mapping of local system access rights to global entities.

Braun et al. U.S. Pub. No. 20050080897 discloses remote management utility.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Shin-Hon Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3789. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the

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